by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies. As per the provisions contained in Rule 28 of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Rules, 1985 as soon as the members of the Board have been elected the Returning Officer shall convene a meeting of the newly elected members of the Board for the purpose of election of the office bearers. The Returning Officer has informed the members of the N.C.C.F. that the meeting of the newly reconstituted board will be convened shortly.

**Framing of New Labour Policy**

656. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are framing a new labour policy if so, what are the objectives behind it and what are the broad outlines thereof ; and

(b) by when it is likely to be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The basic principles to be followed in our labour policy are already laid down in the Directive Principles of State Policy. These principles have inspired our labour legislations from time to time. The labour laws have also been amended from time to time in keeping with these principles. The labour policy and its implementation is also reflected in the plan document and Annual Report of the Ministry.

**Legislation to regular hotel Indusry**

657. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a suitable legislation to regulate the hotel industry in order to prevent fleecing of the tourists; if so, when and what are its salient features; and

(b) what are the reasons for which Government have not declassified hotels in the event of deterioration of facilities to the tourists and other guests?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (Shri H K L Bhagat) : (a) there is no proposal under considertion of the Government to bring about a legis ation to regulate the hotel industry at present. However, under the regulatory conditions already prescribed by the Department of Tourism the tariff of approved hotels is fixed by the Department according to an accepted formula which ensures that tariff charged by such hotels remains within reasonable limits.

(b) The Department of Tourism periodically inspect the classified hotels to ensure that they maintain the prescribed standards of services and facilities. In the case of hotels where the standards are found to have deteriorated during the inspection, they are given a reasonable opportunity to bring about the desired improvements within a stipulated period failing which they are down-graded or declassified.

**Safety measures in industries**

658. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government so far to improve safety measures in industries and what is the response of the State Governments thereto;

(b) what guidelines have been given to the factories to prevent accidents like Bhopal disaster; and

(c) what are the details of the Data Bank-cum-information Centre Scheme prepared by the Labour Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The responsibility for enforcement of the Factories Act, 1948 lies with the State governments. They have been

advised to strengthen the factory inspectorates and streamline the procedures. They have also been asked to identify the hazardous units in their areas and arrange to have the units inspected with a view to ensure that proper safety standards exist. The State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories had indicated at a Conference held at New Delhi on 2nd April, 1986 that they have taken note of the various communications sent by Central Government and they are acting upon the same. A Safety and Health Accident Reduction Action Plan was prepared and circulated to all the Central Employers' and Workers' Organisations and State Governments. This plan lists the various duties and functions of the employers, workers and State Governments, so as to prevent industrial accidents and occupational hazards.

(c) A project under the title 'setting up of a data bank-cum-information-centre' has been included in the Seventh Plan for enabling Government to have effective monitoring of industrial accidents and occupational health hazards.

**Rebate on handloom goods**

659. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to give rebate for 90 days for handloom goods instead of 60 days as is the practice at present; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Expert Committees for identifying hazardous industries**

660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the Bhopal gas tragedy, the Union Labour Ministry had asked the State Governments to form Expert committees to identify hazardous industries and submit their recommendations to the Directorate General, factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the states which have not so far formed such Committees and what steps are being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) the state governments were advised on 28th December, 1984 to set up Task Forces/Expert Committees for updating information on occupational health hazards and implementation of safety provisions in chemical and other industries using hazardous operations and processes, including highly toxic substances. These task Forces, etc. have to over all hazardous industries as far as possible and submit their reports to the respective state Governments.

(c) All States/Union Territoriers with concentration of chemical industry have set up task Forces/Expert Committees/Committees to identify hazardous units.

**Trade fairs organised by TFAI**

661. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India recently held five international trade fairs at